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Cabrillo Stage Forms Theatre Guild To Produce Fundraiser At The Cocoanut Grove
Big Band Era Comes to Life to Support Cabrillo Stage's 2012 Season on Friday, March 30 at Cocoanut Grove

Aptos, CA—Cabrillo Stage, the professional musical theatre company at Cabrillo College that just completed its 30th Anniversary season in December, is starting out 2012 with the newly formed Cabrillo Stage Theatre Guild. The Guild, comprised of Cabrillo Stage donors, dedicated to maintaining the artistic integrity of the company during these hard economic times, is producing their first dinner-dance fundraiser titled *Swing Into Spring*, Friday, March 30, at the Cocoanut Grove Ballroom from 6:00 to 10:00 PM

  Swing Into Spring will take attendees on a trip back to the golden age of the Big Band era, with Jon Nordgen conducting a live, 17-piece Big Band playing timeless arrangements for everyone to dance to in the historic Cocoanut Grove Ballroom. Dinner and dancing is highlighted for the evening, as well as live and silent auctions, special performances by San Jose State's Company One dancers and the singing stars of Cabrillo Stage's 2010 hit *Swing!*, including Eleanor Hunter, Jarrod Washington, Jennifer Taylor-Daniels and Andrew Ceglio.

  Other highlights of the evening will include a costume contest for best 1940s attire and first option at buying tickets at the "mobile Box Office" to Cabrillo Stage's upcoming 2012 repertory season.

  The unique dinner-dance fundraiser comes at time when funding for Cabrillo Stage has been reduced due to the State budget crisis. Swiftly taking action, Producing Artistic Director Jon Nordgren assembled a group of dedicated donors to form the Cabrillo Stage Theatre Guild.

  "Cabrillo Stage means so much to the Santa Cruz community," says Producer and Music Director Jon Nordgen. "But, to keep the 'Jewel of the Community' alive during these hard times, we need the continued support of the community."

  The Guild is committed to sustaining the integrity of Cabrillo Stage as a professional musical theatre company tat produces full-scale Broadway productions as well as educational programming for the greater Monterey Bay Area.   The Guild's goals include fundraising, outreach and community partnerships. For more information on the Guild and how to join, please contact Lynn at 831-477-0127 or email: cstheatreguild@gmail.com

What: Cabrillo Stage Dinner-Dance Fundraiser *Swing Into Spring*
When: Friday, March 30 from 6:00 -10:00 PM
Where: Cocoanut Grove Ballroom, 400 Beach Street (includes free parking)
Price: $100 per person Dinner/Dance/Auction/Show - Reserve by 3/20
       $50 per person Dance/Auction/Show - reserve in advance or purchase night of show (if available)
       Sponsor a table! See all price options and purchase advance tickets at:
Tickets: www.cabrillostage.com or 831-479-6154

About Cabrillo Stage
Cabrillo Stage is a non-profit, non-union professional summer stock musical theatre company dedicated to presenting full-scale Broadway musicals to the greater Monterey Bay Area. Producing a diversity of musical theatre works with the goal of educating as well as giving its audiences quality family entertainment, Cabrillo Stage is recognized as one of the three major annual performing arts events in Santa Cruz County. Each summer since 1981, Cabrillo Stage has provided thousands of Santa Cruz county residents and visitors with unforgettable, critically acclaimed productions, noted for innovative sets, beautiful costumes, an outstanding pit orchestra and talented, professional performers. Cabrillo Stage is committed to providing a nurturing, supportive, artistic environment that allows all of its artisans, professional and non-professional, the opportunity to create musicals with high quality production values. Producing Artistic Director, Jon Nordgren.